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Native American Women: Their Story

General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Schusterman-Benson Library
3333 E. 32nd Place

Program: **DOUBLE FEATURE:**
MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN (MMIW)
GUEST SPEAKER—TERRA BEAVER
NATIVE AMERICANS IN FILM
GUEST SPEAKER —JAMES WHITECLOUD

Lunch: 1:00 p.m.
Saffron Mediterranean Cuisine
3313 E. 32nd Place

RSVP: President Pam McDonald,
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Terra Beaver



James Whitecloud

We welcome Terra Beaver, AAUW member, and her husband, James Whitecloud, as our guest speakers at our October meeting.

Terra is a Doctoral Candidate at Southern Nazarene University. Her research focus is Native American students in higher education. Tulsa Branch congratulates Terra on being accepted into the doctoral program!

James Whitecloud is a Native American Actor who is pictured in his role as Eddie Longcreek in the TV series "Tulsa King". James also appears in the movie, "Killers of the Flower Moon", debuting October 20. He is also the emcee for the Indigenous People Day event on Monday, October 9, in Okmulgee.

Indigenous People Day is also still known in some locales as Columbus Day. Tulsa Branch AAUW is happy to celebrate this cultural event, especially since most of us reside on a Native American reservation!





President's Corner

WE ARE INTO our fall programs! We will focus on Native American heritage. Also we honor our Hispanic neighbors; Hispanic Heritage Month runs from September 15—October 15.

I HOPE WE CAN GET TOGETHER and go to a viewing of "Killers of the Flower Moon", filmed in Osage County. I will look further into this, probably at Circle Cinema.

I'M READY for cooler temperatures, how about you? Stay safe and healthy everyone!

—*Pam McDonald*,
President, AAUW Tulsa
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Branch Briefs

Program Schedule

Oct. 14	Native American
Nov. 3	Wine & Cheese Fundraiser
Dec. 10	Holiday Tea
Jan. 13, 2024	STEM, Meteorologist
Feb. 10	Black History Month
March 9	Book Review, Read a book about Women in WW II
April 13	Prevention of Child Abuse
May 11	Celebrate the Year

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### Many Thanks ...

To those who helped in bringing us the video of our branch's history at our last meeting:

**Diane Chapel**—Diane loaned us her disk of the video which was shown at our 75th Anniversary;

**Marcy Rao**—copied the disk to a thumb drive;

**Brookside Library Staff**—spent several hours trying to get the disk and/or the thumb drive to project;

**Donna Mathews**—spent hours trying to do the same, And also helped during the viewing;

**Alex Rao**—figured out how to download the video to YouTube!

*It takes a village!*

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AAUW WINE & CHEESE FUNDRAISER

Friday, November 3
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars now for our
annual fundraiser
at the home of
Jan & Vondale Graham,
312 E. 19th St.

Tickets: \$25.00

Benefiting AAUW Projects
such as **SAGE STEAM Camp for Girls**
and the **TCC Pantry**

RSVP to:

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*NOTE: This fundraiser replaces our
November General Membership Meeting.*

See the Video

To view the AAUW Tulsa Branch History, go to **YouTube**, and search for **AAUW Tulsa 75 Year**. The video is 54 minutes long.

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### TULSA VOICE

Monthly newsletter of American Association of University Women,  
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## Interest Groups

### AAUW TULSA BOOK GROUP



**AAUW Tulsa Book Group** will meet on Friday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The book to be discussed is The Once and Future Witch by Alix Harrow.

Please contact Rose at (918) 688-7128 if you would like to participate.

The book promises a feminists' broom ride!

Rose Unterschuetz,

### MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

**Mystery book club** will meet **Thursday, October 26** at 11:30 A.M., at Barnes and Noble, 5231 E. 41st St. We are meeting later in the month than usual due to the AAUW Regional Conference in St. Louis Oct. 19-21.



**This month, we are reading** a spooky or Halloween mystery.

We will head out to lunch afterwards.

Questions?

Call Linda Brooks, 918-260-3263, or [lshbrooks@yahoo.com](mailto:lshbrooks@yahoo.com)

### GOURMET GROUP

**We are hoping to get together** the second week in October or early in November.



**If you are interested** in joining our dinners, please call **Kay Witt**, at 918-633-5217.

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not."

—Dr. Guess

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**Native Women's Equal Pay Day is November 30.** Native women working full-time, year-round are paid 57 cents and all earners (including part-time and seasonal) are paid 51 cents for every dollar paid to non-Hispanic white men.

**Native American women have the greatest discrepancy in pay in the United States.** What can AAUW do to help? More advocacy? Offering more pay negotiation workshops?

**Reaching out to more Native American women** to join AAUW is a great way to start the conversation about Equal Pay for all women. **Together we can do it!**

— Rose Unterschuetz  
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### Our Branch Family

**Quick Recovery Wishes** to Lisa Appeddu, AAUW-OK President-Elect, who has undergone surgery for breast cancer.

### TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS Board of Education Meetings

October 16, 6:30 pm  
November 6, 6:30 pm  
November 27, 6:30 pm

All these regular meetings will be in the Cheryl Selmon Room,  
Charles C. Mason Education Service Ctr.,  
3027 S. New Haven Ave.





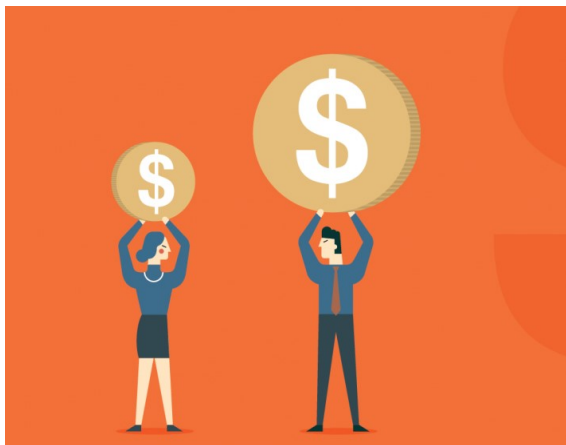
**Past Presidents of Tulsa Branch AAUW who attended the Sept. 9th meeting. L. to R: JoAnne Bottomley, Kay Witt, Gini Ayling, Janet Hyne, Linda Brooks, and current President Pam McDonald.**



**Tulsa Branch AAUW members are toasting the future at Brookside Brewery in Brookside following our meeting. A wedding party and a group of K-State fans surprised us with the champagne! Pictured, L. to R.: Fran Haxby, Gwen Hampton, Janet Hyne, Terra Beaver, Kay Witt, JoAnne Bottomley, Gini Ayling, Gisele McDaniel, Pam McDonald, Linda Brooks, and the arm of Vicki Escoe (sorry, Vicki). Not pictured (she was taking the photo) is Donna Mathews.**

## News 'n Notes from National AAUW

### Updated gender pay gap data



In a calculation of the current Population Survey (CPS) comparing full-time, year-round workers, AAUW found women took home only 84% of the pay that men did—a figure that is not statistically different from 2020's pay gap.

“Despite pay discrimination becoming illegal in the United States 60 years ago, today's data reveals the gender pay gap remains persistent,” said Gloria L. Blackwell, CEO of AAUW. “We don't accept this.”

“Legislators and employers must do better,” said Blackwell. “AAUW won't stop fighting until all women are paid fairly and have the same opportunities to build secure economic futures for themselves and their families.”

Looking closer at specific groups of women, AAUW found even more startling inequities, compared to the pay of white, non-Hispanic men:

- ◆ Latina women workers are paid 52 cents for every dollar.
- ◆ Black women workers are paid 66 cents for every dollar
- ◆ White women workers are paid 74 cents for every dollar
- ◆ Asian American women workers are paid 89 cents for every dollar

The wage gap for many women of color is not only wider than the overall gender wage gap, but it is also closing more slowly.

In dollars and cents, the wage gap for women overall is \$11,450. This money could be spent on childcare, to pay off student debt, invested in home ownership, or be saved for retirement.

### Strengthen the Voting Rights Act

#### The landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965

stopped states from enacting racially discriminatory voting restrictions. The 2013 Supreme Court decision gutted key protections in that Act, making way for 300+ new discriminatory and restrictive voting laws introduced across the country.

The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act would restore and strengthen the protections of the Voting Right Act. The bill would prevent the adoption of discriminatory voting practices before they go into effect.

Learn how your members of Congress previously voted on the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and ask them to support it. [Spoiler Alert: **NONE** of Oklahoma's members of Congress voted for it.]

### Title IX Update

The U.S. Department of Education is developing rules to strengthen the civil rights protections in Title IX, the law that prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded education programs.

The rules were expected to be finalized by October, however, that deadline is not likely. In June, AAUW joined a coalition of organizations in a letter to the Biden-Harris administration expressing our deep disappointment in the lack of urgency of finalizing these rules prior to the 2023-2024 school year.

### AAUW Recommends Passage

A number of AAUW-endorsed bills were reintroduced in Congress in September:

- The Schedules That Work Act and Part-Time Worker Bill of Rights Act would give workers more certainty about their hours and incomes.
- The Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act would require colleges and universities receiving federal funding to establish anti-harassment policies and bullying based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and more.
- The Student Loan Deferment for Sexual Violence Survivors Act would create a student loan deferment option for survivors of sexual violence and sex-based harassment who temporarily withdraw from their school for mental and physical rehabilitation.





*AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.*

AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold the associate's, baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

*In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.  
There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization  
on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.*

### Our Value Promise:

*"As a member of AAUW,  
you belong to a community  
that breaks through  
educational and  
economic barriers  
so that all women  
have a fair chance."*

**Websites:** Tulsa Branch—<http://Tulsa-ok.aauw.net/>  
Oklahoma AAUW—[aauw-ok.aauw.net](http://aauw-ok.aauw.net) National AAUW—[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)  
State Facebook—[www.facebook.com/AAUWOklahoma](http://www.facebook.com/AAUWOklahoma)

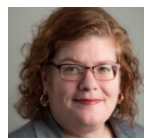
## AAUW Central States Regional Conference "Reaching New Heights—Together"

October 19-21, 2023

Drury Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, MO (at the Arch)



**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Gloria Blackwell**  
CEO of AAUW



**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Lisa Maatz,**  
Public Policy &  
Organizational Consultant

Join your fellow AAUW  
members for 3 days of educa-  
tion, inspiration, great ideas,  
fun, and friendship in  
exciting St. Louis!

### Plenary and Breakout Topics:

Voting Rights and Issues      Equity and Inclusion,  
Succession Planning and Leadership  
Pay Equity      Women's Economic Security  
AAUW and the Future  
Reproductive Rights and Women's Health

**Venue:** Drury Plaza Hotel      314-231-3003  
DruryHotels.com for more information

Eleven states comprise the Central States Region.  
Each state will have a time to present ideas and projects in sessions titled "Swap Shops".

Registration at:  
<https://aauw-mo.aauw.net/aauw-midwest-regional-conference/>

## October, 2023 Calendar



**October 6** Latina's Equal Pay Day

**October 14** General Membership Meeting . See  
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**October 15** Hispanic Heritage Month ends.

**October 16** TPS School Board Mtg See P. 3.

**October 19-21** AAUW Central States Regional  
Conference, St. Louis, MO

**October 20** Deadline for November TULSA VOICE.

**October 26** Mystery Book Group See Page 3.

**October 27** Tulsa Branch Book Group See Page 3.

### Looking Ahead...

**November 3** Wine & Cheese Tasting Fundraiser  
See Page 2.

**November 15** Deadline for Fellowships and Grant  
applications to national AAUW.

**November 20** Native American Women's Equal  
Pay Day